

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 1, paragraph [0001], with the following amended paragraph.

This application is a 35 U.S.C. §371 filing of International Patent Application No. PCT/US03/39221, filed December 9, 2003, which ~~This application~~ claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/431,916, titled IN-SITU GAP MEASUREMENT IN ELECTRICAL PLATING/POLISHING ASSEMBLY, filed December 9, 2002, which is incorporated here in by reference in its entirety.